

Union Government for formulation of Ninth Five Year Plan has recommended to check the Ganga erosion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to check the above erosion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, an Expert Committee had been constituted by the Planning Commission in September, 1996 to study the erosion problem and suggest necessary remedial measures of the river Ganga/Padma in the districts of Malda and Murshidabad in West Bengal. The report has been submitted to the Union Government by the Committee.

(c) and (d) To counter the erosion problem of the river Ganga, the Governments of the Ganga Basin States plan and execute protective measures in their territory depending upon seriousness of the problem and fund availability with them.

World Bank Loan

2944. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any loan has been taken by India from World Bank for promoting primary education;

(b) if so, the rules and regulations thereof; and

(c) the State-wise details of the above amount of loan utilized during the last five years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The World Bank is providing assistance to the tune of US\$ 260.3 million for the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) Phase I covering 23 districts in States of Assam, Haryana, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala for a period of 7 years and under DPEP II an amount of US \$ 450.8 million (IDA Credit amounting to US\$ 425 million and a grant from Government of Netherland amounting to US \$ 25.8 million in a co-financing arrangement) for 70 districts in 11 state namely Assam, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. The World Bank is also providing assistance amounting to US\$ 165 million for the U.P. Basic Education

Project in the State Sector for a period of 7 years.

(b) The assistance provided by the World Bank is in the form of a soft loan from the International Development Association (IDA) on standard terms and conditions.

(c) The State-wise details of expenditure incurred/ reimbursement claimed from the World Bank upto 31.3.1997 is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

DPEP-I

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	State	Cumulative Expenditure upto 31.3.97	Reimbursement received from World Bank
1.	Assam	27.07	24.20
2.	Haryana	27.45	24.60
3.	Karnataka	34.216	30.53
4.	Kerala	22.40	20.35
5.	Maharashtra	47.05	41.92
6.	Tamil Nadu	24.70	22.23
7.	National Component	11.80	11.80
	Total DPEP	194.73	175.63
8.	Uttar Pradesh	352.20	305.00
	Total DPEP and U.P. Basic Education Project	546.93	480.63

DPEP-II

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	State	Cumulative Expenditure upto 31.3.97	Reimbursement received from World Bank
1.	Himachal Pradesh	1.59	1.34
2.	Orissa	0.69	0.59
3.	Gujarat	1.92	1.58
4.	Haryana	0.25	0.24
5.	Karnataka	0.11	0.10
	Total	4.56	3.85

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Purchase of Oil Tankers

2945. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :